



2008 "VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH INVASIVES" GRANTS REPORT FORM

Display Report

PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project Title:	Early Detection Rapid Response, Monitoring and Mapping of High Priority Invasive Species with Nisqually NWRC Weed Warriors	
Region: Use region number ONLY	1	
Station:	Nisqually NWRC	
Contact Person: Name and Phone Number	Jean Takekawa	
Project Description: (Up to 250 words)	This project will continue a successful program of early detection and rapid response, monitoring and mapping of invasive species on Nisqually NWRC by Weed Warrior volunteers. Efforts will continue to focus on detecting, treating new infestations of highest priority invasive plants. Numerous species pose substantial threats and require an early detection rapid response program to preclude new infestations from becoming established. Additionally monitoring and treatment of more established and widespread weeds is beneficial to control the spread of those weeds. This program of volunteer effort will work in cooperatively with AmeriCorps-Washington Conservation Corps members.	
List of Invasives Species Targeted:	Common Name	Scientific Name
	purple loosestrife	<i>lythrum salicaria</i>
	gorse	<i>ulex europaeus</i>
	scotch broom	<i>cytiscus scoparius</i>
	poison hemlock	<i>conium maculatum</i>
	tansy ragwort	<i>senecio jacobaea</i>
	spurge laurel	<i>daphne laureola</i>
	perennial pepperweed	<i>lepidium latifolium</i>
	common burdock	<i>arctium minus</i>
	bull thistle	<i>cirsium vulgare</i>
Project Status:	InProgress	
Project Completion Date or Estimated Completion Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	09/30/2009	

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Affiliation: (Check all that apply)	VA_SchoolGrp VA_AmeriCorps VA_Other
Volunteer Involvement: Describe the type of work the volunteers performed. (Up to 150 words)	This is an interim report. The final report in 2009 will provide data on the volunteer hours and work they achieve. The Refuge Weed Warriors are a core of committed volunteers who contribute a significant effort to controlling emerging weeds. There are now 2 RWW programs, one at Nisqually NWR and one at Grays Harbor NWR. These programs also help the Refuge Complex to work with various school groups and community organizations that are looking for meaningful volunteer service.
Total Number of Volunteers:	In-progress
Total Number of Volunteer Hours:	In-progress
Partnerships: List both new and existing partnerships utilized in this project. (Up to 150 words).	This is an interim report, the final report in 2009 will provide more information on the efforts. The AmeriCorps-Washington Conservation Corps is an important partner in this volunteer effort. We also work with Washington Department of Wildlife, and Grays Harbor and Thurston County Noxious Weed Agencies as they provide educational documents that help keep our Refuge Weed Warriors enlightened.

PROJECT RESULTS

Project Results: Give an overview of the results of the project. Include quantifiable measure of success, such as maps produced, efficacy of control measures, number of sites where invasions were detected early and responded to, number of community contacts, etc. (Up to 250 words).	This is an interim report, the final report in 2009 will provide more information. However we expect to see similar efforts of volunteerism that have provided the Refuge complex with the ability to stay on top of newly emerging invasive plants.
Number of Acres Treated:	In-progress
Number of Acres Inventoried and/or Mapped:	In-progress
Number of Acres Restored:	In-progress

BUDGET INFORMATION

Budget: Account for funds in broad categories such as equipment, volunteer stipends, travel, coordinator salary/contract, etc.

Total Grant Amount:	\$ 10,700
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Breakdown of Expenditures:

Category	Total \$ Spent	% of Total Grant
Equipment / Supplies	300	
Chemical	400	
Biocontrol Agents		
Travel	500	
Volunteer Stipends		
Volunteer Coordinator Salary/Contract	9000	
Restoration Materials	500	
Other		

TOTAL	10,700	
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Recommendations: (OPTIONAL) How useful was this program for meeting refuge invasive species objectives and how can it be improved?	project In-progress
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